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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT
REF: MEXICO 948

1. MEXICAN EMBASSY CALLED DEPARTMENT TODAY TO CONVEY
REQUEST FROM GOM FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON MARCH
7-8 ON BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT. EMBASSY (SAENZ)
INDICATED THAT GOM WISHED TO DISCUSS THOSE CATEGORIES
IN REQUEST REPORTED REFTEL WHICH ARE STILL OUTSTANDING,
AND STATED THAT GOM MIGHT BE WILLING TO DECREASE YARDAGE
IN SOME CATEGORIES IN EXCHANGE FOR INCREASES REQUESTED.

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2. WB HAVE INFORMED SAENZ THAT WE WOULD BE HAPPY
TO MEET WITH MEXICAN DELEGATION ON MARCH 7 AND 8. WE
ALSO INDICATED THAT IN ADDITION TO GOM REQUESTS FOR
REMAINDER OF CURRENT YEAR, IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL
TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES FOR NEXT
AGREEMENT YEAR. TO THAT END, WE ASKED SAENZ TO REQUEST
THAT GOM GIVE US AN INDICATION OF TOPICS IT WILL WISH

TO DISCUSS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE NEXT YEAR
OF THE AGREEMENT AS WELL AS DETAILS ON ANY REQUESTS
NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AND SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON LEVELS,
WHICH MIGHT BE DECREASED. SAENZ AGREED TO REPORT

OUR VIEWS TO GOM AND GET BACK TO US.

3. IN ADDITION TO OUTSTANDING REQUESTS AND NEXT YEARS
AGREEMENT, U.S. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD DISCUSSION OF
CATEGORY 116 TO AGENDA FOR CONSULTATIONS. USG STATISTICS
SHOW THAT ENTRIES FROM MEXICO FOR CURRENT AGREEMENT
YEAR IN CATEGORY 116 (KNIT PRODUCTS, WOOL, VALUED AT
5 DOLLARS OR LESS PER POUND) WERE 135,000 SQUARE YARDS
EQUIVALENT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1976. THIS IS 135
PERCENT OF CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 100,000 SQUARE YARDS
EQUIVALENT APPLICABLE TO THIS CATEGORY.

4. PARAGRAPH 8 OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT STATES THAT GOM
SHALL REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. IF IT WISHES TO
EXCEED AGREEMENT LEVEL IN ANY CATEGORY. USG IS
CONCERNED THAT THIS PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT BE
OBSERVED AND THAT GOM NOT PERMIT SHIPMENTS IN EXCESS
OF CONSULTATION LEVELS WITHOUT OBTAINING U.S. CONCURRENCE.

5. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST GOM TO STOP
SHIPMENTS IN THIS CATEGORY IMMEDIATELY. WE CAN THEN
DISCUSS PROBLEM FURTHER DURING UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS.
BULK OF MEXICAN SHIPMENTS IN CATEGORY ARE WOOL SWEATERS.

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6. GOM SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SWEATERS INCLUDING WOOL
SWEATERS IN CATEGORIES 116 AND 117, ARE A HEAVILY
IMPORT IMPACTED SEGMENT OF U.S. TEXTILE MARKET, WITH AN
IMPORT PENETRATION RATIO OF OVER 50 PERCENT. U.S.
SUGGESTS THAT GOM HAVE AVAILABLE DATA ON ACTUAL AND
ANTICIPATED SHIPMENTS IN CATEGORIES 116 AND 117 FOR
REFERENCE DURING UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS.
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